



HIGHFIELD LITTLEPORT ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Just a little update as we approach the Christmas period at Highfield Littleport Academy. The students have been extremely resilient this term and we are so proud of how they have coped with the altered ways of working. They continue to make great progress in their learning despite all of the challenges.

Unfortunately we have some sad news to share with regards to a member of teaching staff leaving us in January. Our class teacher Sarah Sparrow will be leaving us after Christmas to move on to another post closer to home – she has a very long journey every day! We wish her well in her new role and thank her for all of her hard work since she joined us back when the school very first opened. With regards to class cover the class will be covered by familiar members of staff until a permanent staff member is in place after February half term. We will give you more details and arrange transition as and when this is confirmed.

In line with government and Local Authority direction we have been instructed **not** to close early for the Christmas break. It is important though that if your child develops symptoms up to and including 20th December please notify us of this along with any test results via office@highfieldlittleport.org. We would still continue to ask though if your child is unwell please **do not** send them to school. If they are displaying Covid-19 symptoms please **book a test immediately**. In the event of a suspected case please **do not** send your child to school until a test has been completed and results communicated.

Christmas is going to be a little different for all of us this year. We are disappointed that we are not able to share a whole school performance with you in person, however the children have been very busy filming some mini performances for a video Christmas Showcase. We aim to share this on our School Class Dojo page so that everyone can enjoy it. Please can I ask if you have not consented to sharing images on this page, please consider it on this occasion so that we can share our whole school celebrations? Class teachers will be in touch to confirm permissions with those who may be affected. Just to let you know we will also be supporting Save the Children by wearing our Christmas Jumpers on the last day of term (18/12/2020). The School Council will be writing to you with further details.

At Highfield Littleport we have a friends and parents association called Supporters of Highfield Littleport Academy (SOHLA). They have been busy fundraising and we have been fortunate for them to provide a Christmas present for students in school. These have been purchased, wrapped and are currently in quarantine so that they are covid safe. In the same vein students will still be allowed to share Christmas Cards this year but they will need to be quarantined in school for 72 hours before they are distributed – in essence the post man might be a bit late!

We thank you for your co-operation and support particularly in these difficult times

Warmest regards

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